EXAMINATION NO.: _____

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2012 JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

(100 marks)

Subject Number: J021

Wednesday, 13 June

Time Allowed: 2 hours
8:30 – 10:30 am

Instructions

1. **This paper contains 10 pages. Please check.**

2. This paper has **three** sections, **A, B** and **C**.

3. For **Section A**, encircle the letter representing the right answer. **Sections B** and **C** should be answered in the spaces provided.

4. In the table provided on this page, **tick** against the question number you have answered.

5. Hand in your completed question paper when time is called to stop writing.

6. **IMPORTANT**
   Please make sure you write your **Examination Number** in the spaces provided on all the pages of this paper before you start answering the questions.

Question Number	Tick Qs 31 to 38 if answered	Do not write in these columns	
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Section A (30 marks)

Multiple Choice

There are **thirty** questions in this section. Answer **all** questions by **encircling** the letter with the correct answer.

1. From which land did Abram set off to the Promised Land?
   A. Sinai
   B. Canaan
   C. Haran
   D. Egypt

2. Why was Abram forced to leave Egypt?
   A. He was arrogant to the king.
   B. He did not follow Egyptian laws.
   C. He did not follow the Egyptian religion.
   D. He lied to the king about his wife.

3. Why did Esau sell his birthright?
   A. He wanted money.
   B. He wanted to be at peace with his brother.
   C. He wanted bean soup.
   D. He wanted to serve God.

4. Why did Joseph settle his family at Goshen in Egypt?
   A. The members of his family were shepherds.
   B. The king chose it for them.
   C. The land was given to him.
   D. It was a very big area.

5. Which of the following incidents took place at Peniel?
   A. Jacob met with Esau.
   B. Jacob dreamt about angels.
   C. Jacob met Laban's daughters.
   D. Jacob wrestled with an angel.

6. What did Jephthah's daughter do to show her grief?
   A. crying to God for mercy
   B. going into the mountains to mourn
   C. asking her father to change his mind
   D. offering animal sacrifice

7. Samson's downfall was caused by
   A. the Philistines.
   B. his parents.
   C. young men from Timnah.
   D. Delilah.

8. Why did Naomi change her name to "Marah"?
   A. She had no children.
   B. Her husband had died.
   C. She had gone through many troubles.
   D. She had come from a foreign country.

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9. How did Eli know that God was calling Samuel to be a prophet?
   A. Eli had stopped seeing visions from God.
   B. Samuel's mother had dedicated Samuel to God.
   C. Samuel had said he heard Eli call him three times.
   D. Eli had seen a change in Samuel's behaviour.

10. Why did Jeroboam place two bull calves at Bethel and Dan?
   A. The temple was far away in Jerusalem.
   B. He wanted to prevent people from supporting Rehoboam.
   C. He wanted to show that he was king.
   D. The people forced him to make idols.

11. To whom did Elijah prophesy that there would be drought for two or three years in Israel?
   A. Omri
   B. Ahab
   C. Ahaziah
   D. Rehoboam

12. What was the name of the town where the widow who assisted Elijah lived?
   A. Sidon
   B. Cherith
   C. Zarephath
   D. Tishbe

13. How did Elijah show that Elisha would be his successor?
   A. by telling him to kiss his family goodbye
   B. by telling him to offer one of his animals
   C. by asking him to follow him
   D. by giving him his cloak

14. Who was the commander of the Syrian army during Elisha's time?
   A. Hazael
   B. Naaman
   C. Benhadad
   D. Ahaziah

15. Why did Amaziah tell Amos to leave Israel and prophesy in Judah?
   A. He was from Judah.
   B. He was afraid of King Jeroboam.
   C. He was in charge of prophecy at Bethel.
   D. He prophesied about Israel's exile.

16. What sign did the visitors from the East see that indicated the birth of a king?
   A. a star
   B. an angel
   C. the moon
   D. the rainbow

17. Which of the gifts presented to Jesus at His birth signified that He would die?
   A. myrrh
   B. gold
   C. frankincense
   D. silver

18. Why were the disciples angry with James and John?
A. They wanted Jesus not to allow anybody but them.
B. They showed little faith in Jesus.
C. They never respected Jesus.
D. They requested for a place of honour.

19. Jesus prepared for His ministry by being
A. baptized by John the Baptist.
B. tempted in the wilderness for 40 days.
C. taught at the temple by a teacher of the Law.
D. questioned by the teachers of the Law.

20. Which two sons of Zebedee did Jesus choose as His disciples?
A. James and John
B. Simon and Andrew
C. Peter and James
D. John and Peter

21. According to the Jewish Law, how did Jesus make Himself "unclean" during the healing of a man with a dreaded skin disease?
A. by touching him
B. by talking to him
C. by coming near him
D. by accepting to heal him

22. How did Jesus cure a blind man at Bethsaida?
A. by pasting soil in his eyes
B. by telling him to open his eyes
C. by spitting on his eyes
D. by praying for him

23. Why did some people watch Jesus closely when He entered a synagogue?
A. to accuse Him of doing wrong
B. to see whether He would heal on a Sabbath
C. to spy on Jesus' activities at the synagogue
D. to listen to His teaching

24. What did Jesus say the disciples lacked when they cried out to Him during the calming of the storm?
A. power
B. the Holy Spirit
C. courage
D. faith

25. Where was Jesus arrested?
A. Bethany
B. Mount of Olives
C. Gethsemane
D. Nazareth

26. According to Pilate, the reason why the Jews persecuted Jesus was that
A. He broke the Jewish customs.
B. the chief priests were jealous of Jesus.
C. the Jews did not agree with Jesus' teaching.
D. Jesus was causing chaos in the area.

27. Why did the army officer standing in front of Jesus' cross say "This man was really the Son of God"?
   A. The officer saw how Jesus had died.
   B. The whole country was covered with darkness.
   C. Jesus had called Elijah before He died.
   D. Jesus had remained quiet on the cross.

28. Who was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot?
   A. Matthias
   B. Stephen
   C. Saul
   D. Barnabas

29. Why were Peter and John angry with Simon the Magician in Samaria?
   A. He was not baptized.
   B. He opposed their work by performing his magic.
   C. He was in conflict with Phillip.
   D. He offered money to buy the power of the Holy Spirit.

30. Who predicted that there would be a severe famine all over the earth while at Antioch?
   A. Simon Peter
   B. Saul
   C. Barnabas
   D. Agabus

Section B (40 marks)

There are **four** questions in this section. Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided. Each question carries **10 marks**.

31. In **Genesis 31:1-23**, Joseph was sold to Potiphar, one of the King's officers.

   a. State **two** things which Potiphar did for Joseph to show that he was pleased with him.

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   (2 marks)

   (ii) _____
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   (2 marks)

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b. Why was Potiphar's wife attracted to Joseph?

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(2 marks)

c. What accusation did Potiphar's wife make against Joseph when he refused to go to bed with her? Give any **two** points.

(i) _____

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(2 marks)

(ii) _____

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(2 marks)

2. Elimelech and his family moved from Bethlehem in Judah to the country of Moab **(Ruth 1:1-22).**

a. Why did Elimelech and his family leave Bethlehem for Moab?

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(2 marks)

b. Give **two** misfortunes which Naomi experienced while in Moab.

(i) _____

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(2 marks)

(ii) _____

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(2 marks)

c. State what ... four points.

(4 marks)

In **Mark 9:14-29**, Jesus healed a boy with an evil spirit.

a. State for how long the boy had been attacked by the spirit.

(2 marks)

b. State any **three** things the evil spirit did to the boy whenever it attacked him.

(i)

(ii)

(2 marks)

(iii)

(2 marks)

c. How did Jesus heal the boy?

(2 marks)

4. **Acts 9:1-19** is about the conversion of Saul.

a. For what **two** reasons was Saul going to Damascus?

(i)

(ii)

out of Syllabus

(2 marks)

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b. What did the Lord want Saul to do after his conversion?

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(2 marks)

c. State what happened to Saul after Ananias prayed for him? Give any **two** points.

(i) _____

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(2 marks)

(ii) _____

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(2 marks)

Section C (30 marks)

Essays

There are **four** questions in this section. Choose any **two**, one from the **Old Testament** and the other one from the **New Testament** and write an essay of about **one page** on each question you choose. Each question carries **15 marks.**

OLD TESTAMENT

35. Relate the prayer of Jacob to God before he met his brother Esau. **(Genesis 32:9-13)**

(15 marks)

36. Narrate the message prophet Nathan brought to King David. **(2 Samuel 12:1-4).**

(15 marks)

NEW TESTAMENT

37. Describe the escape of Joseph and Mary from Bethlehem to Egypt after the birth of Jesus Christ. **(Mathew 2:13-15)**

(15 marks)

38. Narrate Gamaliel's advice to his fellow members of the Council when they wanted to kill the apostles. **(Acts 5:35-39)**

(15 marks)

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